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News worth sharing.

Robocalls not a Tory tactic: PM

- ▶ Robocalls falsely advised voters Elections Canada had moved their polling stations
- ▶ In other cases, voters got harassing late-night or early-morning calls purporting to be from opposition

SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS



▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper makes an announcement
at the Nunavut Arctic College in Iqaluit on Thursday.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper insists the Conservative party had nothing to do with a dirty-tricks campaign aimed at discouraging opposition supporters from voting in last spring's election.

"I have absolutely no knowledge on anything about these calls, but obviously if there's anyone who has done anything wrong we expect that they will face the full consequences of the law," Harper told reporters during a visit to Iqaluit, Nunavut.

But given his party's history of illegal or questionable campaign tactics, New Democrats and Liberals aren't buying it.

They say the latest revelations are more proof that the Conservatives have systematically cheated and subverted the democratic process in order to win elections.

They're equating the matter to the notorious Watergate scandal that toppled former U.S. president Richard Nixon and they're demanding a full criminal investigation.

The opposition charges came Thursday after a company that

did campaign work for Conservatives, including Harper, was linked to harassing or misleading automated phone calls to voters in 18 hotly contested ridings prior to the May 2 election.

Edmonton-based RackNine Inc. confirmed Thursday its automated dialling service was used to deliver the phoney messages and that Elections Canada and the police are investigating.

"I was shocked and distressed to learn that some party had used our services to try and disrupt voting during the 2011 federal election," RackNine CEO Matt Meier said in an email to The Canadian Press, adding his firm will work with police and Elections Canada, "to help identify the culprits."

Conservative party campaign manager Jenni Byrne said her party "ran a clean and ethical campaign and would never tolerate such activity," although she left open the possibility that a rogue local party worker may have been involved.

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Crews search for missing Ottawa diver

Search crews were looking on Thursday for an Ottawa man who went missing while scuba diving.

The RCMP in Nova Scotia received a report about a missing diver who was diving for sea urchin on Wednesday at 1:45 p.m. off Digby.

Police say the 48-year-old Ottawa man was diving with two colleagues in the Grand Passage area near Westport at the time he went missing. Police say he was swept away by the strong currents of the Bay of Fundy. The man's name has not been released. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Man wanted in Ottawa charged in Vancouver stabbing

A man wanted on an arrest warrant in Ottawa was charged with attempted murder Wednesday after an elderly man was stabbed in a coffee shop in Vancouver.

Police said a 71-year-old man was sitting alone in the shop when another man sat down beside him, pulled out a knife and stabbed him. Other people in the shop came to the man's aid while the suspect waited for police to arrive.

Const. Lindsey Houghton said Mohamed Amer, 30, is known to police for violence and property-related crimes across Canada.

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► Government of Canada-funded modular homes for Attawapiskat First Nation are shown en route to Moosonee, Ont.

Ottawans to help furnish Attawapiskat homes

► Emergency housing response hits delays, but 22 modular homes to arrive soon ► 8 or 9 homes to be in lots, ready to be furnished by mid-March



JESSICA SMITH
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An Ottawa charity is helping to make 22 modular homes destined for Attawapiskat families livable by raising money for furniture.

True North Aid has helped raise \$20,000 so far — one quarter of the \$80,000 they say it will cost to furnish the 22 homes the federal government is providing as a re-

sponse to the housing crises that began last October. Each home will be furnished with beds, dressers, tables, chairs, couches and smaller items such as bedside tables and lamps from Sudbury-based The House of Furniture.

"So far we've raised enough money that eight of the homes will have washers and dryers, but if we're able to raise more than \$80,000, we're going to be getting washers and dryers for all of the homes

and we're going to be able to get linens and plates and all of the extra additions," said spokesperson Emily Everett.

James Bay MP Charlie Angus contacted the charity to help because it is experienced in sending aid to Attawapiskat, said Everett.

The \$20,000 raised so far has come from a variety of donors, including a benefit concert by musician Derek Miller and other artists in January.

Housing crisis

- About 1,800 people live in Attawapiskat.
- A housing shortage forced families to live in tents.
- After a crisis declaration, the federal government put the community under third-party management.
- Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence said the government's move was meant to silence the community.



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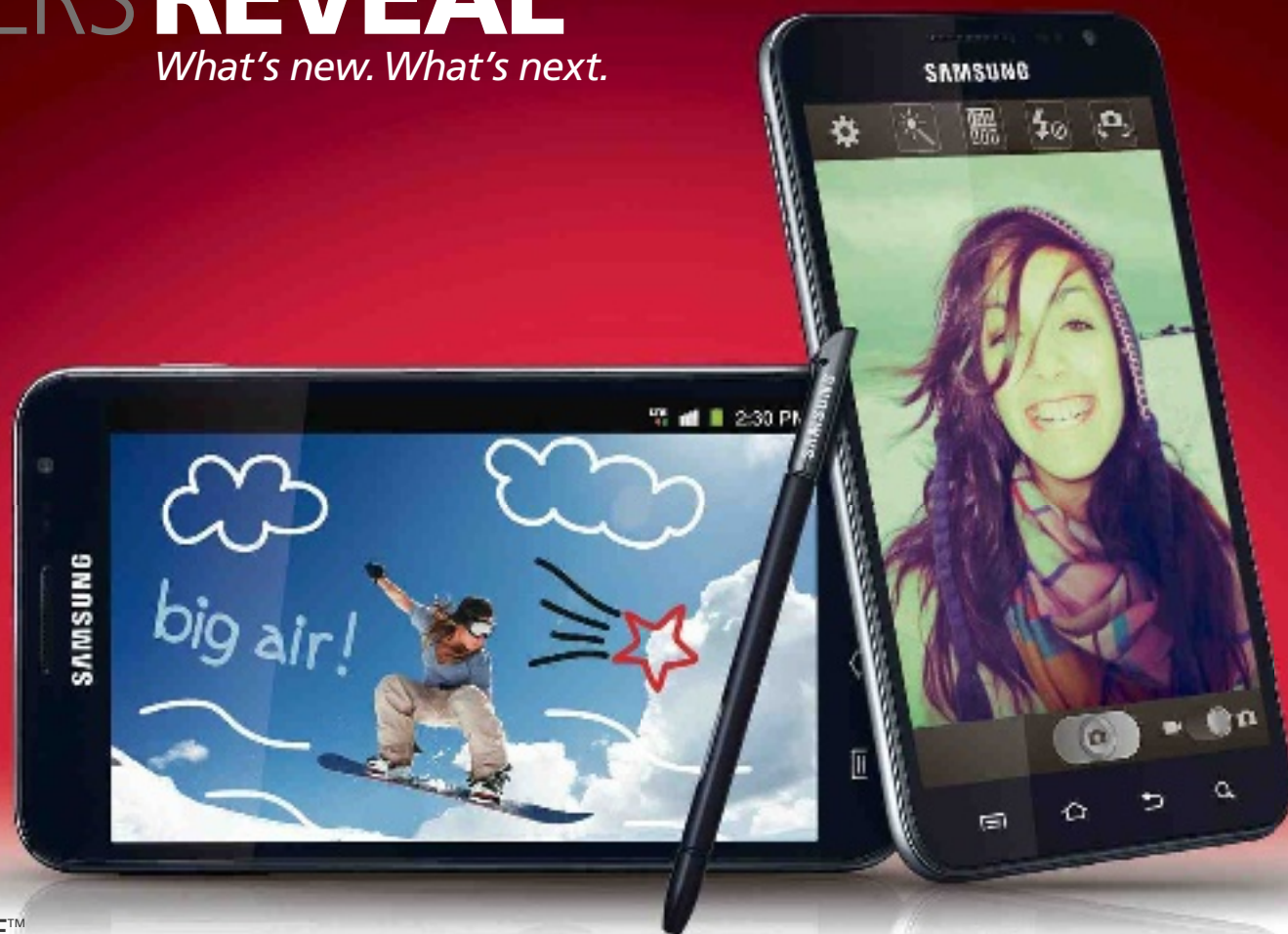
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Juno dinner so close you can taste it

► Awards gala on the night before televised show will host nominees, artists, industry players, local VIPs



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The televised portion of the Juno Awards on April 1 might be the highlight of Canada's biggest night in music, but the evening before is when most of the awards will be handed out to nominees.

It's Geoffrey Morden's job to ensure those nominees are well fed.

The executive chef of the Ottawa Convention Centre's state-of-the-art kitchen will put on a delectable dinner, which will boast several foods from

the Ottawa area and eastern Canada.

"It's very exciting for me, the whole team and the city," said Morden.

Items on the menu include Wellington County beef tenderloin and smoked Brome Lake duck, as well as sprouts from Gatineau's Butterfly Sky Farms.

At a tasting preview Thursday, Morden said the pressure will be on on March 31 as he prepares meals for some 1,300 guests, but he's looking forward to it.

"It's going to be great. It's going to be a lot of fun."



► For dinner, guests will sink their teeth into a horseradish- and herb-crusted AAA Wellington County beef tenderloin.



► Hors d'oeuvres will include these seared diver scallops sitting in an arugula pesto topped with an oven-dried tomato.



► Geoffrey Morden, executive chef at the Ottawa Convention Centre, holds a plate of smoked Brome Lake duck breast with anise poached pear chutney and a side of sprouts from a local farm at a tasting event for the 2012 Juno Awards dinner.

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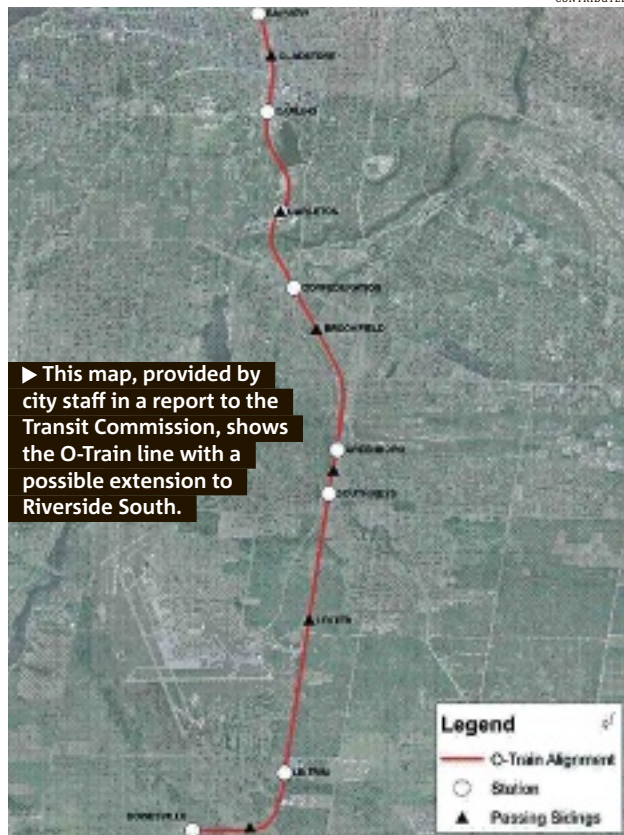
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Keeping track of transit's future



► Councillors say \$76-million O-Train line expansion would be cheaper than building an electrified light-rail line south ► No funding until 2031



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Extending the O-Train line south to Bowesville Road, with stops in South Keys and Leitrim, would cost about \$76 million, according to city staff.

Council ordered a report on the feasibility of extending the O-Train last June, based in part on the support of Transit Commission chair and Gloucester-Southgate Coun. Diane Deans.

"I think it's a great idea because those are large group areas within the urban boundary and they need to be properly served by public transit," she said Thursday.

Extending the O-Train is "technically feasible" and would be used for approxi-



► The O-Train

mately 3.6 million single-direction trips each year, according to the report. Of those trips, 725,000 would be by new transit customers and 2.8 million would otherwise be made using buses.

The report says no funding is available for the construction until 2031 under the city's current Long Range Financial Plan for Transit, but the city can shift priorities during planning for its Transportation

"There's a lot of competing priorities for very scarce transit dollars."

DIANE DEANS
TRANSIT COMMISSION CHAIR

Master Plan (TMP) update, scheduled for completion in 2014.

Cumberland Coun. Stephen Blais said updating the TMP will allow council to set new priorities, including when and how to serve each region. Blais is eager for the LRT to be extended into Orleans, but he said that the projects aren't mutually exclusive and that they could be done simultaneously.

Blais said the \$76-million

price tag is a reasonable but only if it's a long-term investment.

Deans said the project is worthwhile in the shorter term because it would be easy to convert the line to electrified light rail, with little of the \$76 million lost in the process, because much of the same construction and infrastructure could be used by LRT.

The report recommends other enhancements to the O-Train, including additional stops along the existing route, and suggests the extension happen after the east-west LRT line is done in 2018.

"I'm not sure we'd have to wait that long," said Deans. "My hope is we can serve the south communities with rail service sooner rather than later."

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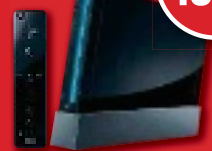
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Local pro boxer wants to stay home

► Tyler Asselstine, 25, says his goal of becoming world champion can be achieved if he's based out of Canada

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Ottawa's only pro boxer is undefeated with nine wins and five KOs since January — and the featherweight says he plans to stay in Canada instead of seeking out the bright lights and big gyms of U.S. boxing cities like Las Vegas and Los Angeles.

Tyler Asselstine, a

- The details**
- **Stance:** Southpaw
 - **Height:** Five-foot-nine
 - **Reach:** 68 inches
 - **Won:** 9-0. No draws.
 - **Rounds boxed:** 39
 - **Knockouts:** 5

Kingston native, trains at Final Round in Ottawa. His latest win was against Italy's Nicola Cipolletta,

who was also undefeated before last Saturday's bout in Montreal.

His career goal is clear. "To become world champion," he said, adding that he expects that to occur within two to three years.

Asselstine said he doesn't need to go to the U.S. to do that, adding he can rack up many of the wins he'll need for the title close to home in Montreal and Toronto.

Abandoned animals create alarm

In the wake of four recent cases of animals discovered in boxes taped shut and abandoned, the Ottawa Humane Society (OHS) is warning the public such actions are not only inhumane, but also illegal.

The animal welfare agency says that on November 2011 a four-month-old kitten was found inside a taped box in a dumpster in the Hawthorne Road and Agnes Road area. The kitten survived. In February, a nine-year-old cat was found alive, taped in a box that had been tossed in a Vanier-area dumpster. An eight-month-old kitten was found alive in a box near Bronson Avenue and Gladstone Avenue, and a four-month-old hamster was found alive in a box inside a dumpster at Meadowlands Drive and Ness Street.

"These animals were discovered alive," said OHS executive director Bruce Roney.

"Unfortunately, last month one cat found in a dumpster had first been tortured and killed. We don't know why we're experiencing so many shocking instances of animal abandonment," said Roney.

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Suspect arrested in robbery

Ottawa police arrested a man suspected of holding up a pharmacy Thursday near Parkdale Avenue and Wellington Street. In addition to a charge laid after a Feb. 1 pharmacy robbery, Matthew Armstrong is facing further robbery and drug charges.

Armstrong is charged with robbery, wearing a disguise, possession of a weapon to commit an offence, two counts of breach of undertaking and five counts of possession of a controlled substance.

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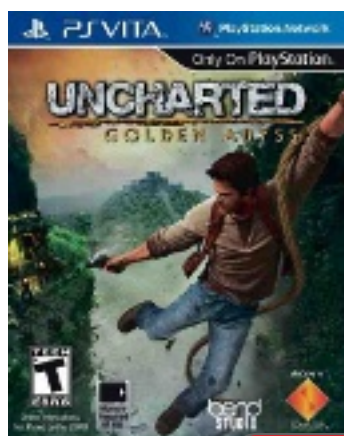
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Canada pledges \$41M for Africa

- ▶ Money meant to help ward off potential massive famine
- ▶ Aid workers praise response

Canada is giving \$41 million to help stop a famine in West Africa.

International Co-operation Minister Bev Oda says the impending food-security and nutrition crisis in the Sahel is of great concern.

"We must act now with help for millions of people struggling to meet their immediate basic food-security and nutrition needs to avoid a more tragic situation later," Oda said in a statement.

The money will help provide food and nutrition assistance, agriculture support, water, sanitation, basic health care, logistics and co-ordination, and protection in some of the most difficult

Millions affected

The Sahel is a semi-arid belt that spans Africa along the southern Sahara Desert.

▶ The United Nations and others are warning of a famine that could affect 23 million people across Niger, Mali, Chad, Burkina Faso and Mauritania.

▶ The western Sahel has been ravaged by a severe drought that threatens to dwarf last year's famine in East Africa.

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▶ Children line up in Mogadishu earlier this year to receive a meal at a food-distribution centre for those displaced by last year's famine or by conflict.

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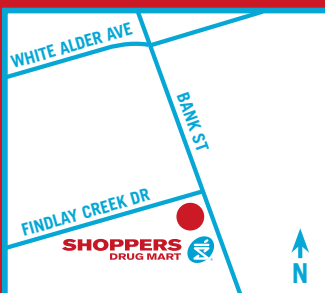
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Feds dole out \$27M for adult education in North

► PM to boost employment skills for high-school dropouts in Arctic
► Critics say more money needed

Prime Minister Stephen Harper flew to a frigid Iqaluit to deliver \$27 million for adult education in the North, an attempt to help high-school dropouts qualify for jobs.

The money will be spread over five years, and shared by three colleges, one in each of the territories.

"By improving access to adult basic education, we are giving Northerners the tools they need to seek higher education and secure employment in sectors that contribute to Canada's economic growth," Harper said in a statement.

Part of the funding was announced in last June's budget, which put \$9 million over two years to adult basic education. Thursday's announcement ex-

tends the funding time frame and increases the annual allotment slightly.

Harper has frequently stressed that education levels among aboriginal peoples need to improve if they are ever to find prosperity. But he is under intense pressure from native leaders to ante up serious money.

That pressure may have persuaded Harper to spend a day at a short news conference and a photo op on the ice at -26 C.

"We try to obviously make our announcements in the areas where the announcements are most relevant," he said in explaining the northern jaunt.

Following the indoor formalities, Harper rode in a convoy of seven snowmobiles that drove out about



► Prime Minister Stephen Harper bundles up in a parka as he tours Frobisher Bay in Iqaluit on Thursday.

500 metres over the rough and bumpy sea ice of Frobisher Bay to a small camp set up by members of the Canadian Rangers.

He chatted briefly with some locals, including a man who asked him if his head was warm enough. "Yes," Harper assured him.

One of the Rangers explained through a translator how to harpoon a seal

through a hole in the two-metre-thick ice.

"That's a hard way to get a meal," the prime minister chuckled.

Back in the south, the Liberal aboriginal affairs critic called Harper's announcement paltry compared with the needs of the North.

"The prime minister's drive-by announcement to-

day provided nowhere near the kind of resources for education, social housing, mental health, drug treatment and food security desperately needed in the north in order to improve the health, education and well-being of northern Canadians," MP Carolyn Bennett said in a release.

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By the numbers

- Inuit Tapiriit Kapanami, a non-profit group, has estimated that only a quarter of Inuit students finish high school.
- The 2006 census suggests the level is about half that. Regardless, the graduation rate is drastically lower than the rest of the population.
- Nunavut Arctic College is receiving \$11 million of the funding. Yukon College is getting \$300,000 so far and can apply for more over the coming five years. And Aurora College is getting \$620,000 with the potential for more down the road.
- The funding pays for educators, resources and assessment tools that are meant to help under-educated adults gain skills that can be put to use in their local labour markets.

Parents of mauled baby speak out

An Alberta couple whose pet husky killed their two-day-old baby says all the dogs in the home went through training and obedi-

ence classes.

Rob and Rhonda Fradette said in a news release Thursday that they also attended seminars by the Cal-

gary Humane Society, including one on how to bring a new baby into a home with pets.

The baby boy was born on the night of Feb. 13 and was attacked on the morning of Feb. 15 at the couple's house in Airdrie, a community just north of Calgary. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Advocates, judges decry Tory crime bill

A group including a victims' advocate, two retired judges and an ex-Conservative MP say Canadians will be more fearful and less

safe five years from now under criminal justice changes being made by the Harper government.

An omnibus crime bill,

that includes nine previous pieces of legislation, is in the final stages of being approved by the Conservative-dominated Senate.

Opponents are making a last-ditch appeal to the government to base its policies on evidence, not "gut feeling."

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Terminal attack in Pakistan kills dozen

► Car bomb rattles the border town of Peshawar

► No group has claimed responsibility for the blast

Dilawar Khan's son had stopped off at his tea shop on his way back from school when a powerful car bomb exploded outside it. The 12-year-old was among the dozen killed in Thursday's blast in Peshawar, Pakistan, at a bus terminal for passengers wanting to travel to the lawless border regions with Afghanistan.

The explosion tore through a dozen vehicles waiting to transport passengers from the city of Peshawar to other areas of the country. Some of the minibuses were blackened and destroyed. There were 32 wounded, including women and children, officials said.

In the chaos, Khan ini-

tially thought his other son had been killed, but he turned up at home later.

"What have my sons done wrong," said the 45-year-old shopkeeper, beating his face with his hands.

Violence has dropped off in Peshawar and some other areas of Pakistan over the past year following offensives against the Pakistani Taliban in the northwest. But bombings and shootings still occur with regularity, especially in the border regions, and no one is predicting victory against the militants.

No group claimed responsibility for the blast. Some of the minibuses were blackened and destroyed. The dead included

two children, including Khan's son.

Peshawar is located close to the Afghan border, the main sanctuary for Pakistani Taliban fighters at war with the government.

The car bomb was loaded with nearly 45 kilograms of explosives, city police chief Siraj Ahmed said.

It's unclear why the bus terminal was targeted. Most militant attacks are aimed at security force or government targets, but markets and other public places have also been hit, presumably to create chaos and add to perceptions that the government is unable to provide basic security.

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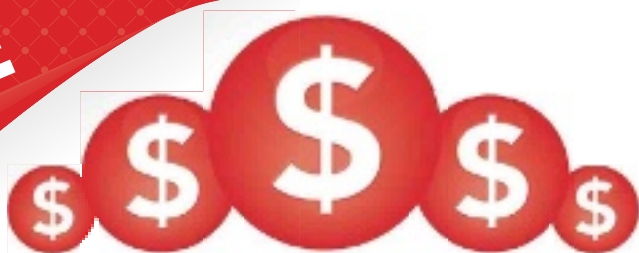
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► Pakistani volunteers help an injured boy as he arrives at a local hospital in Peshawar, Pakistan, on Thursday.

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► Afghans shout anti-U.S. slogans in Laghman province, east of Kabul, on Thursday.

AFGHAN RIOTS

Obama apologizes for Qur'an burning

President Barack Obama apologized Thursday for the burning of copies of the Muslim holy book at a U.S. military base this week, as violent protests raging nationwide led a man dressed in an Afghan army uniform to

kill two U.S. troops.

The Afghans' furious response to the Qur'an burning — three days of riots in several cities — reflected the anger at what they perceive as foreign forces' disrespect for Afghan laws and culture.

In a letter sent to Afghan President Hamid Karzai, Obama expressed his "regret and apologies over the incident in which religious materials were unintentionally mishandled," a White House spokesman said.

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7 marines killed in night training exercise

- Crash follows several recent accidents involving marines in California
- Three killed in separate helicopter crashes at Camp Pendleton

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Seven U.S. marines were killed when two helicopters collided in the California desert during night training exercises, the latest of several Marine Corps training accidents in the region.

"We're still gathering a lot of details as the sun comes up," said Lt. Maureen Dooley with the Miramar Air Base in California.

The crash happened around 8 p.m. Wednesday and involved an AH-1W Cobra that carried two crew members and a UH-1 Huey utility helicopter carrying five service members from the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing.

It will be at least 24 hours before the marine

► This undated image provided by the U.S. Marine Corps shows a UH-1 Huey helicopter. One of the two helicopters involved in the crash was similar to this one.



corps releases the names of those killed.

The aircraft collided in a remote portion of the Yuma Training Range Complex.

The U.S. military and its

allies train in the hot, desert area ringed by mountains because the conditions are similar to Iraq.

The AH-1W is considered the marine corps' main at-

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Drunk dad gets probation

► Allowed nine-year-old daughter to drive van since he had been drinking

A U.S. man who allowed his nine-year-old daughter to drive him around because he had been drinking was sentenced Thursday to two years of probation.

Shawn Weimer pleaded guilty in December to sec-

ond-degree child abuse and allowing an unlicensed minor to operate a motor vehicle. He pleaded guilty on the condition he'd receive no jail time.

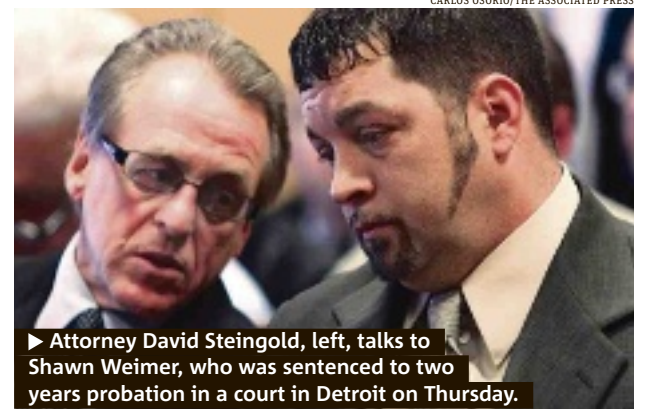
Weimer was arrested Oct. 8 when police pulled

over his van and found his daughter behind the wheel.

Weimer said he made a mistake in asking his daughter to drive, but that he had been thinking about how he used to drive at his family's farm and junkyard

when he was her age.

The girl testified in November that her father had consumed half a bottle of whiskey that night and that she had agreed to drive but felt a "little scared." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



► Attorney David Steingold, left, talks to Shawn Weimer, who was sentenced to two years probation in a court in Detroit on Thursday.

Stepmom accused of running girl to death

An Alabama woman whose nine-year-old stepdaughter died after authorities say she was punished with a forced three-hour run gave birth on the same day she was arrested and charged with murder.

Etowah County District Attorney Jimmie Harp says Jessica Mae Hardin is under guard at a hospital after giving birth Wednesday.

Hardin and her mother-in-law, Joyce Hardin Garrard, were charged with murder in the death of Savannah Hardin.

Police say the nine-year-old girl was made to run non-stop for three hours as punishment for having eaten a chocolate bar.

Harp says his office is in-



► Savannah Hardin

terviewing witnesses and may upgrade the charges to capital murder.

Harp says Savannah Hardin had a bladder condition and was not supposed to have the caffeine in chocolate.

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► Accused: Joyce Hardin Garrard, left, and Jessica Mae Hardin

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North Korea, U.S. resume dialogue

► Talks in Beijing, the third round since July, are aimed at restarting six-nation nuclear disarmament negotiations

The United States and North Korea resumed talks Thursday delayed by the death of North Korea's longtime leader Kim Jong-il two months ago, with the U.S. envoy saying he and his counterpart covered U.S. food aid among other topics.

The discussions are to continue Friday, and could signal whether North Korea's new government is ready to agree to steps demanded by Washington and Pyongyang's neighbours to restart broader international disarmament talks, which are meant to provide aid and diplomatic concessions in return.

Kim's death on Dec. 17



► U.S. envoy Glyn Davies

last year upended a deal between the United States and North Korea, where Pyongyang would have suspended its uranium enrichment in return for food aid from Wash-

ington. The meetings in Beijing may partly reveal North Korea's goals under new leader Kim Jong-un, who has vowed to follow his father's policies.

"The talks today were substantive and serious and we covered quite a number of issues," U.S. envoy Glyn Davies told reporters after meeting his counterpart Kim Kye Gwan for almost six hours over two sessions, first at the North Korean Embassy and then at the U.S. Embassy.

Davies would not provide other details, saying only that nutritional aid was discussed.

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DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE

World leaders pledge help for Somalia

World leaders pledged new help to tackle terrorism and piracy in Somalia, but insisted Thursday that the troubled East African nation must quickly form a stable government and threatened penalties against those who hamper its progress.

Nations pledged new funding, additional training for soldiers and coast guards, increased co-operation over terrorism and a new drive to root out those who finance and profit from piracy, after the shipping industry paid out \$135 million in ransoms last year.

"For two decades Somalia has been torn apart by famine, bloodshed and some of the worst



► British Prime Minister David Cameron, center, gathers for a group photograph with delegates during the London Conference on Somalia on Thursday.

poverty on Earth," British Prime Minister David Cameron said, as 55 nations and international organizations, including Somalia's United Nations-backed transitional government, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon attended the talks.

Cameron warned that Somalia's al-Qaida linked militant group al-Shabab could export terrorism to Europe and the United

States, with dozens of British and American citizens travelling to Somalia to train and fight with the Islamists.

Somalia has had transitional administrations for the past seven years, but has not had a functioning central government since 1991, when warlords overthrew a longtime dictator and turned on each other, plunging the nation into chaos.

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Argentina mourns crash victims

► 50 dead in train accident ► Government promises investigation

Argentina's deadliest train accident in decades was foreseeable and preventable, the nation's auditor general complained Thursday, saying there had been years of failed safety tests

and other problems.

Rail-safety experts, meanwhile, said modern trains are built to withstand the kind of hard stop that killed 50 passengers and injured more than 700 in

Buenos Aires Wednesday.

President Cristina Fernandez declared two days of mourning and sent at least four cabinet ministers out to give news conferences describing the gov-

ernment's response to the tragedy. None took questions.

The train's motorman, Marcos Antonio Cordoba, 28, remained in intensive care. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



► People in Buenos Aires look at lists of the injured.



► An Egyptian protester holds a poster with a picture of ousted president Mubarak encircled by a noose.

Mubarak defiant in letter to court

Egypt's former President Hosni Mubarak told the court trying him for complicity in the killing of protesters during last year's uprising that he was saddened by what he called "baseless" claims against him and expressed confidence in the judicial system and history to clear his name.

Mubarak's remarks were made in a memo published in the Tahrir newspaper on Thursday, a day after the former president's defence lawyers delivered their closing remarks in a seven-month

trial that has transfixed the nation.

In the letter, which filled three columns on the daily's front page, Mubarak, 83, struck a defiant tone, speaking in the third person and telling the court he has worked to defend his nation's honour and his people's blood.

"The unjust accusations and the baseless allegations I am facing sadden me. I am not someone who would shed his people's blood. I have spent my life defending them."

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► Finance Minister Jim Flaherty answers questions from members of the media in Toronto on Thursday.



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'Draconian' cuts not for us: Flaherty

- Budget won't follow Europe's lead
- Yet agencies told to tighten belts

Ottawa will take a moderate approach to government cost-cutting in the budget instead of following in Europe's austerity-driven footsteps, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said Thursday.

"We are not one of the countries, many of them in Europe, that have run up deficits for a long period of time, accumulated substantial debt and must really act dramatically — some of them in a draconian way in order to get their house in order again," Flaherty said.

The federal government grew as part of the Conservatives' economic action plan during the global recession and "we will have to have some moderation of that," he added.

Flaherty's comments seemingly run counter to signals that he's preparing a painful, cost-slashing budget next month. Government departments and

agencies have been ordered to cut spending by up to 10 per cent. Few details of the cuts have been made public and the opposition parties are calling on the Conservatives to come clean about their plans to curb costs.

"You never quite know what their political game is. Possibly they're trying to get everybody all frightened and thinking there'll be massive cuts, and then if they just have moderate cuts, everybody will breathe a sigh of relief," said Liberal Treasury Board critic John McCallum.

Flaherty dismissed the need for corporate tax hikes. He said once governments get spending under control they don't have to raise taxes. The budget is also expected to issue a firm policy direction on old-age security centred around raising the retiree collection age. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Court halts iPad proceeding

Lawyers say a Shanghai court has suspended proceedings in a lawsuit by a Chinese electronics maker against Apple Inc. over use of the iPad trademark in China.

The Guangdong High Court is due to hear an appeal by Apple on Feb. 29 against a lower-court decision that favoured Proview. Proview was seeking an injunction to stop Apple from selling iPads in Shanghai. The companies are feuding over whether Proview sold the rights to the mainland Chinese iPad trademark to Apple in a deal in 2009.

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Keystone pipeline inevitable: Governor

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► Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer at his office at the Montana legislature on Wednesday in Helena. He believes the Keystone XL pipeline will be built next year.

Montana's governor says the Keystone XL pipeline from Alberta's oilsands to the Gulf Coast will eventually be built, and he blames the delay on "jackasses" in Washington who have only recently discovered the issue.

"Ninety per cent of these jackasses that are complaining about the Keystone pipeline in Washington, D.C., one year ago wouldn't have even known where the Keystone was," said Gov. Brian Schweitzer, a Democrat.

The pipeline, which would extend an existing

oil line that delivers crude to the U.S. Midwest, has become a major political flashpoint as U.S. President Barack Obama seeks re-election.

Backers of the Trans-Canada project say it would create thousands of jobs and supplant crude imports. Critics worry it would increase dependence on "dirty" oilsands crude and cause ecological harm to the American heartland in the event of a spill. A decision by the U.S. State Department was delayed until early 2013 to work out a new route. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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increasingly vulnerable to a housing correction, exposing them to a perfect storm of high debt and falling assets, the Bank of Canada warns.

In a book of four research papers released Thursday, the central

bank suggests many Canadians have constructed their finances on a house of cards, with ever rising home values the key and vulnerable support.

The bank economists point out that home prices have risen sharply

in the past dozen or so years along with debt, as households needed both bigger mortgages to buy homes and used equity from higher home values to finance other purchases.

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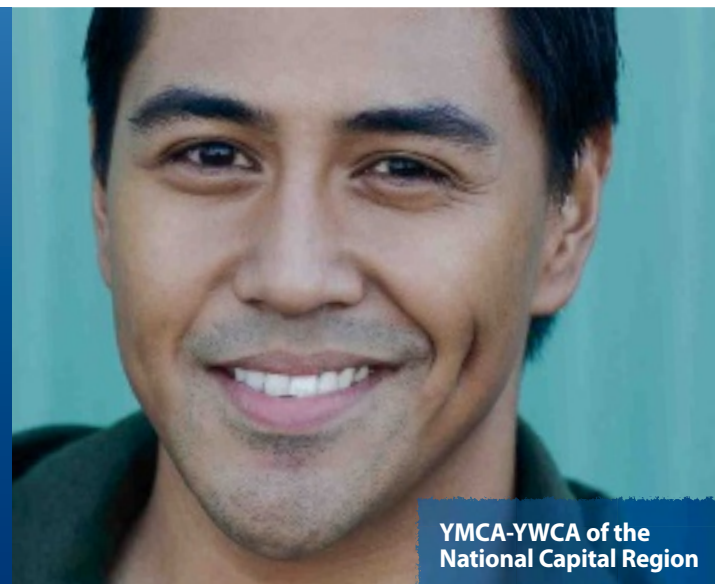
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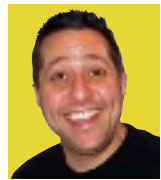


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1 **Priorities:** Even in recession, our society manages to fund organizations like the Kinsey Institute's Condom Use Research Team (CURT). The Journal of Sexual Health recently published research that states, "Condom misuse is an epidemic." Kinsey's Richard Crosby went so far as to say, "We underestimate how complicated condom use can be." Really? Have we tried funding an organization that prevents dummies from having sex?

2 **Roll up the RIM:** This week RIM announced the launch of its BlackBerry PlayBook OS 2.0. It includes many things that should have been on the original, but they are still slightly behind their competitors, primarily pertaining to apps. My thought? How about an app that teaches people how to use a condom?

3 **Sorry Charlie:** Charlie Sheen wrote a letter to Ashton Kutcher, apologizing for recent "disrespectful" comments. Sheen's management stated, "Why is anyone still listening to Charlie?"

4 **Auto child:** Toronto couple Robbie and Esther Stern gave birth to a baby boy in the front seat of their Dodge Avenger. What happens now? Do they get free Dodges for life? Is the kid automatically born with a driver's licence? Free gas? Either way, it'll make a great ad: "Dodge Avenger: From one generation to the next!"

5 **Wise-guy witness:** After years of suspicion that organized-crime groups were controlling public-works contracts in Quebec, an inquiry has finally been launched. Now Quebec is asking the public to help gather evidence via anonymous email or toll-free phone calls. In unrelated news, the Canadian government has cut funding to the witness-protection program.

6 **Dating for dummies:** Canada is on the reality-show bandwagon: Canada's Got Talent airs next week, and auditions for The Bachelor Canada are underway. Next, I suggest a combo show wherein the bachelor actually chooses his companion based on her talent. Women can juggle, dance or sing (my money's on the contortionist). Hey, maybe they can finally find a partner for Susan Boyle.

7 **Poetic justice:** A fugitive, who had been convicted of 12 counts of sexual misconduct with a minor and who had appeared on America's Most Wanted, was arrested in Montreal upon returning from Venezuela. He lived in Vancouver for 10 years under an assumed Canadian identity. With a 169-year sentence looming, he probably felt he should take time off to travel. Let's hope he's imprisoned alongside other most-wanted criminals. That's something I'd pay to see.

8 **Academy Awards:** A word of advice for the Oscars. If you win the award for best short film, please ensure your speech is shorter than the actual project.

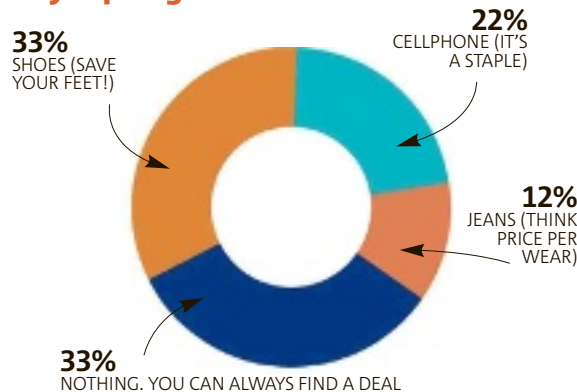
9 **Here's lookin' at you, Kid:** Native Montrealers lost an icon last week when Gary (The Kid) Carter passed away at age 57. In 2003 he became the first player to enter the Baseball Hall of Fame as an Expo. The bond between Carter and Montreal was so strong that, even after playing for three other teams, he returned for one final season in 1992. He will be dearly remembered, and forever missed. RIP.

More from Mike Benhaim at metronews.ca/backbeat



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@DownGoesBrown: Craig Anderson injuring himself with a kitchen knife is a nice change of pace for Ottawa goaltenders, who usually have a fork stuck in them.
@EnoughHarper: the CPC are being accused of electoral fraud and @TonyClementCPC is tweeting about Taylor Swift and Adele #cdnpoli
@pierides1: New swim suit wasted RT@ottawastart It's currently +2 in Ottawa. The Rideau Canal Skateway remains closed, and local beaches are closed too.

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For the man who has everything

MIAMI BEACH. Fancy joining the jet set? Well, it wouldn't hurt if you got yourself this water-powered jet pack, demonstrated here at the Yacht & Brokerage Show in Florida this month.

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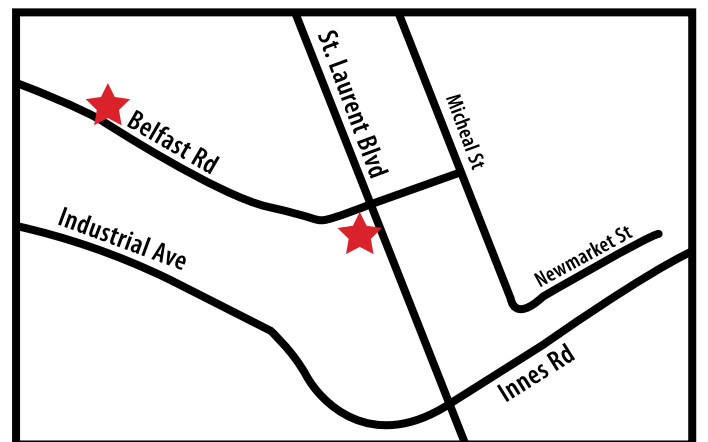
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Synopsis

Jennifer Aniston and Paul Rudd play a big-city couple forced to downsize when he loses his job and her documentary is rejected by HBO. Forced to sell their apartment and faced with the prospect of working with his idiot brother, the pair go adopt a hippie lifestyle and move into a free love commune.

Ratings:

Richard: ●●●●●

Mark: ●●●●●



► In Wanderlust, Paul Rudd and Jennifer Aniston play a big-city couple who leaves it all behind to live in a commune.

Hippie hilarity

► Wanderlust is the funniest movie since Bridesmaids, says Richard Crouse

► The cast and script bring a freshness to the hippie satire

Reel Guys

**RICHARD
CROUSE &
MARK
BRESLIN**



Richard: Mark, Wanderlust is something we haven't seen for a while — a Jennifer Aniston movie that doesn't stink. In fact, it's really good. Great supporting cast, loads of laughs and a great hallucination scene. The only thing that stinks is the hippie hygiene. What did you think?

MB: Ah, but most Paul Rudd movies are pretty good. He has a great track record of choosing good scripts, and Aniston had the good sense to attach herself to it. This is really one of the funniest movies I've seen in a long time. I started laughing at the opening scene in the realtor's office and didn't stop

for 90 minutes. It's smart, well-cast, timely, and I can't find any flaws. If you liked writer/director David Wain's offbeat, loopy work in The State or Wet Hot American Summer, you're going to love this picture.

RC: Agreed. I haven't laughed like that in a movie since Bridesmaids last year. Rudd dies a mirror pep talk scene that is raunchy, funny and kind of surreal. Speaking of surreal, the hallucination sequence is trippy and hilarious. I've seen loads of drug scenes in movies but this one made me feel high ... with laughter.

MB: The film feels like Martha Marcy May Mar-

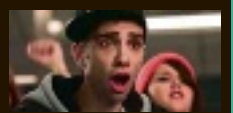
lene reimagined as a comedy with, yes, a Bridesmaids spirit. It's been a long while since we've seen a hippie commune satire, and it's long overdue. So much to like here — Alan Alda's acid-head paterfamilias, Malin Ackermann's love goddess, the nudist writer/winemaker, the boorish brother, his neglected trophy wife, and Justin Theroux as the cult leader lost in the '90s.

RC: I think the reason the movie works so well, aside from the very funny script, is that each of the characters you mentioned could have been the focus of the story and it still would have been a good movie. There isn't a character in

the movie that feels extraneous. Also, I loved the uber hippie jokes. Where else would you find a placenta as soup stock joke?

MB: Saturday Night Live had a 'placenta helper' mock commercial some time ago that was heavily censored. But you're right — the movie gets the details right. It's an ayahuasca ceremony that they take part in, peyote being so ... 2003. And maybe that's the thrill of finally seeing Ms. Aniston in a comedy that's not only funny but original as well. She's been performing for focus groups far too long. Wanderlust may be a Hollywood movie, but it has an indie sensibility.

Scene in brief



Alliance Films says the City of Toronto has removed 38 Goon posters ahead of the hockey movie's release Friday. A spokeswoman for Alliance says the ads feature Goon star Jay Baruchel "gesturing in a way that the city believes is inappropriate." The poster reportedly featured Baruchel making a sexually suggestive sign with his tongue and fingers.

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Movie reviews

Good Deeds**Genre:** Comedy/Romance**Director:** Tyler Perry**Stars:** Tyler Perry, Gabrielle Union, Thandie Newton

Good Deeds will make you laugh, but you'll be laughing at it rather than with it. It may also make you cry, but they will be tears of frustration at a story so predictable it makes the See Spot Run books seem complex by comparison. Director Tyler Perry is

not doing audiences a good deed by releasing his latest film, Good Deeds, in general release. The melodramatic story of a rich man (Tyler Perry) who learns about love and life from a woman (Thandie Newton) who works for him isn't just a bad movie, it's what I call a 'seatbelt movie;' a film so bad you'll need a seatbelt to keep you from walking out halfway through.

● RICHARD CROUSE

**Act of Valor****Genre:** Action**Directors:** Mike McCoy, Scott Waugh**Stars:** Alex Veadov, Roselyn Sanchez

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There's something simultaneously startling and uncomfortable about watching real-life Navy SEALs starring in a fictional action film based on their professional exploits: at times, Act of Val-

or feels like the live-action equivalent of a kid slamming his GI Joes together. The film is relatively well-made around its strange gimmick, and if it's unusually jingoistic by the standards of most post Iraq-war blockbusters, that's the whole idea: faulting the filmmakers for heroizing their subjects is sort of missing the point.

● ADAM NAYMAN

**Sholem Aleichem:****Laughing in the Darkness****Genre:** Documentary**Director:** Joseph Dorman**Stars:** Rachel Dratch, Hillel Halkin

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Sholem Aleichem was a hugely influential Russian-

born writer who's most recognizable character became the basis of Fiddler on the Roof. Laughing in the Darkness is a devoted documentary but overuse of broad archival footage, and academic discourse, keeps a sluggish pace. ● STEVE GOW

Monsieur Lazhar**Genre:** Drama/Comedy**Director:** Philippe Falardeau**Stars:** Fellag, Sophie Nelisse

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Philippe Falardeau's Oscar-nominated drama about an Algerian immigrant (Fellag) who unexpectedly takes over a Montreal elementary school class is smoothly directed and beautifully acted: the rapport between this unlikely educator and his charges is natural and unaffected. But the script, adapted from a play by Evelyne de



la Cheneliere, is a little too on-the-nose, resulting in a film that's at once completely accomplished and kind of an open-and-shut case.

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Goon
Genre: Comedy
Director: Mike Dowse
Stars: Seann William Scott, Jay Baruchel, Allison Pill
Mike Dowse's mighty hockey comedy splits the differ-

ence between Slapshot (gory rink violence) and the director's previous Fubar films (well-meaning boneheads trying their best not so screw up). Seann William's performance as a bouncer-turned-enforcer is

a beautiful balance of guilelessness and thuggery, and the script gives him and the other actors plenty of space to breathe while still squarely hitting the necessary sports-flick beats.

ADAM NAYMAN

Baron Cohen gets warning from Oscars



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METRO WORLD NEWS IN NEW YORK

Comedian Sacha Baron Cohen can only show up to the Oscars on Sunday if he promises not to come dressed as General Aladee, the main character of his soon-to-be-released movie *The Dictator*.

The actor's tickets to the award show were pulled after the Academy got wind of Cohen's plan to show up on the red carpet decked out as Aladee, who may or may not be modeled after Muammar Gaddafi, the former ruler of Libya who was run out of his position in a civil war and killed by opposition fighters in August 2011.

As Deadline reports, Cohen, who is an Academy member and one of the stars of *Hugo* (which is a Best Picture contender), was told he cannot attend the 84th annual Academy Awards.

However, after a bit of backlash, the Academy then said Cohen could come if, and only if, he promises not to show up in costume or promote *The Dictator* on the red carpet.

"We would love to have Sacha Baron Cohen at the Oscar show," an Academy spokesperson told CNN. "We have expressed [to Cohen] that we don't like our red carpet to be used as a promotional stunt. We're waiting to hear from him. We've put the ball in his court."



► Sacha Baron Cohen as General Aladee.

Knowing Cohen, this is just the type of scenario he'd love, so we're anxiously awaiting to see how he turns this awkward situation into a hilarious stunt for another upcoming movie.

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It's party time

► Project X director talks about his own days of partying ► Filming a bender isn't as fun as it seems

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN HOLLYWOOD

When I sit down to talk to British director Nima Nourizadeh at the W Hotel in Hollywood, there's a

tray full of liquor bottles and martini-making tools on the table between us. It's not even 10 in the

morning. "Do you want a drink?" he offers, before joking, "This is the second tray they've brought me, by the way. I've already had one." That sense of humour makes him a perfect fit for Project X, his directorial debut, about a teenage house party that gets beyond out of control.

This movie looked like a lot of fun to make for the actors



► Project X opens next Friday.

but a nightmare for the director.

I mean, honestly, it was one of the most challenging things that I've ever done. We had a short amount of time to shoot quite an insane movie. But it was like this controlled chaos, you know? It was a lot of fun, but you hit an age where you're just like, after one night of partying you just want to chill and watch TV. And for me it was like I had to keep the energy up for four and a half weeks of night shoots.

That'll certainly take a toll on you.

Oh, it did, it did. I had to stay in that schedule at the weekends as well. It was really quite an isolating experience for me. I came out here [from London] to shoot the movie, and for the time being I'm still here. I actually came out here to have a meeting, and I thought I'd be out here for a couple of weeks, and I never went back. Can you believe that? I didn't even have a send-off!

So how does the movie match up to your own party experiences?

I don't even know if I can even talk about it. (laughs) My party experiences tend to be I have an amazing time, and then I wake up. I literally wake up and I'm still at the party and no one else is there. That's happened to me loads of times, actually. And then you hear about what happened in that time period. Actually, that sounds a bit like the Hangover. (laughs) It's like people texting you and you're like, "Oh s—,

that didn't happen, did it?"

Was there any concern about pulling back on content to get the R rating?

Me less than maybe the producers knew what we could and couldn't get away with. And on top of that we've got this realistic approach to the movie, so we have to touch on some things that maybe normally you wouldn't, like the drug use, some of the sex. I just wanted to do as much as possible, and I felt like kids today have seen so many things. It wasn't like when I was growing up — you had to get a VHS and that was the only way you would see some of this stuff. We didn't have the Internet. If you wanted to see some boobs you had to maybe watch a movie that was rated R. I just think this kind of material is so much more accessible to kids right now that it probably won't seem as outrageous to them as it does to someone my age.

Yet there's no cigarette smoking in the movie, from what I could see.

You might actually see one. (laughs) No no no. I'm not sure if it was a conscious thing or not, but we just never really wanted to show it. Like, there's nothing really glamorous about it — I'm not saying that everything else is glamorous, but there was no value in having any cigarettes. I don't think anyone was missing out on seeing a cigarette being smoked in the film. There was too many other things to keep your eye on."

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The Artist (PG) Fri 6:45-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:40-6:45-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:40
Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance (14A) Fri 3:55-7:50 Sat-Sun 12:55-3:55-7:50 Mon-Tue 3:55-7:50 Wed-Thu 3:55
Gone (14A) Fri 4:7-10-9:55 Sat-Sun 1-4:7-10-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:7-10-9:55
The Iron Lady (PG) Fri-Thu 3:40

National Theatre Live: The Comedy of Errors

(STC) Thu 7
Safe House (14A) Fri 3:35-6:35-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:35-3:35-6:35-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:35-9:30
Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (14A) Fri 3:30-6:30-9:25 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:25 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:25
The Vow (PG) Fri 3:45-6:40-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:40-9:35 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:40-9:35
Wanderlust (STC) Fri 3:50-6:50-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:45

MAYFAIR THEATRE

1074 Bank St., 613-730-3403, mayfair-movie.com

The 84th Academy Awards Live on the Big Screen (STC) Sun 8
Cannonball (STC) Sat 9:45
Carnage (14A) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 6 Mon 7 Wed-Thu 7
Coming to America (STC) Tue 9:15
Corman's World: Exploits of a Hollywood Rebel (STC) Fri 8:45 Sat 7:45 Wed-Thu 8:45
Nightmare (STC) Fri 10:45
Team America: World Police (18A) Mon 8:45
Trading Places (STC) Tue 7

OTTAWA FAMILY CINEMA

710 Broadview Ave., 613-722-8218, familycinema.ca

Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) Sat 2
No Films Showing Today (STC) Fri-Sun-Thu

RAINBOW CINEMAS

St. Laurent Centre, 1200 St. Laurent Blvd., 613-688-0850

The Adventures of Tintin (PG) Fri-Thu 10:30-11:04
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) Fri-Thu 10:10-12:05-2:20-4:30
Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close (PG) Fri-Thu 6:40-9:10
Hugo (PG) Fri-Thu 10:20-3:50
The Muppets (G) Fri-Thu 12:15-2:30-4:40
One for the Money (PG) Fri-Thu 1:7-9:25
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Fri-Thu 9:50-6:50-9:20
War Horse (PG) Fri-Thu 10:1-12:0-4:50-8:30
We Bought a Zoo (PG) Fri-Thu 6:30-9:05

RIDEAU CENTRE CINEMAS

50 Rideau St., 613-234-3712

Act of Valor (14A) Fri 3:45-6:30-9 Sat-Sun 1:15-3:45-6:30-9 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:30-9
Goon (18A) Fri 4:15-6:40-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:15-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:40-9:20
This Means War (14A) Fri 4:6:50-9:10 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:6:50-9:10 Mon-Thu 4:6:50-9:10

SOUTH KEYS

2214 Bank St., 613-736-1115

Act of Valor (14A) Fri-Sun 11:140-4:15-7:9:40 Mon 1:40-4:15-7:9:40 Tue 11:140-4:15-7:9:40 Wed-Thu 1:40-4:15-7:9:40
Chronicle (14A) Fri 12:45-3:20-6:35-9 Sat 5:15-6:35-9 Sun-Wed 12:45-3:20-6:35-9 Thu 12:45-3:20-10:20
The Descendants (14A) Fri-Thu 1:35-6:40-9:20
Ernani (STC) Sat 12:55
Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance 3D (14A) Fri-Sun 11:30-2:45-7:25-9:55 Mon 2:45-7:25-9:55 Tue 11:30-2:45-7:25-9:55 Wed-Thu 2:45-7:25-9:55
Gone (14A) Fri 11:45-2:30-5:05-7:45-10:10 Sat 2:30-5:05-7:45-10:10 Sun 11:45-2:30-5:05-7:45-10:10 Mon 2:30-5:05-7:45-10:10 Tue 11:45-2:30-5:05-7:45-10:10 Wed-Thu 2:30-5:05-7:45-10:10
Goon (18A) Fri 11:10-1:25-4:7:30-10 Sat 11:10-1:20-4:7:30-10 Sun 11:10-1:25-4:7:30-10 Mon 1:25-4:7:30-10 Tue 11:10-1:25-4:7:30-10 Wed-Thu 1:25-4:7:30-10
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG) Fri-Sun 11:05-1:30 Mon 1:30 Tue 11:05-1:30 Wed-Thu 1:30
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 4:10-6:30-8:55

The Land Before Time

(PG) Sat 11
National Theatre Live: The Comedy of Errors (STC) Thu 7
Safe House (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:45-6:55-9:45
The Secret World of Arrietty (G) Fri-Sun 11:50-2:10-4:40-7:10-9:30 Mon 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:30 Tue 11:50-2:10-4:40-7:10-9:30 Wed-Thu 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:30
This Means War (14A) Fri-Sun 11:40-2:05-4:25-6:50-10:05 Mon 2:05-4:25-6:50-10:05 Tue 11:40-2:05-4:25-6:50-10:05 Wed-Thu 2:05-4:25-6:50-10:05
The Vow (PG) Fri-Sun 11:15-1:50-4:20-7:15-9:50 Mon 1:50-4:20-7:15-9:50 Tue 11:15-1:50-4:20-7:15-9:50 Wed-Thu 1:50-4:20-7:15-9:50
Wanderlust (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:1-4:30-7:05-9:35 No Passes Mon 1:1-4:30-7:05-9:35 No Passes Tue 11:1-4:30-7:05-9:35 No Passes Wed-Thu 1:20-4:30-7:05-9:35

GATINEAU

CANADIAN MUSEUM OF CIVILIZATION

100 rue Laurier, 819-776-7010

Extreme (STC) Thu 12:55
Flying Monsters 3D (STC) Fri 11:50-2:5 Sat 11:50-2:5-7 Sun 11:50-2:5-6 Mon 10:45-2 Tue 11:50-2:5-7 Wed 11:50-2:5 Thu 10:45-2-5-7
Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk (STC) Thu 8:05
L'Express des Rocheuses (STC) Sat-Sun 12:55 Tue 12:55 Thu 11:50
Monstres Volants 3D (STC) Fri 12:55-4:7 Sat-Tue 4 Wed 4-7 Thu 9:30-4
Nes Pour Etre Libres 3D (STC) Tue 10:45
Rocky Mountain Express (STC) Fri-Sat 10:45-3 Wed 10:45-3-7:05 Mon 11:50 Tue 3 Wed 10:45-3 Thu 3
Space Station (STC) Sat 8:05 Tue 8:05
Station spatiale (STC) Fri 8:05 Wed 12:55-8:05

CINÉ-CAMPUS UQO

283 rue St-Jean-Bosco, 819-773-1888

CINÉMA DES GALÉRIES D'AYLMER

400 boul. Wilfrid-Lavigne, 819-248-2526

Le Gamin au vélo (STC) Tue 1:3-30 Wed-Thu 7

Ghost Rider: L'esprit de vengeance (G) Fri-Sun 3:10-9:10 Tue 9:10 Wed-Thu 6:50
Ghost Rider: L'esprit de vengeance 3D (G) Fri-Sun 12:50-6:50 Mon 6:50 Tue 12:50-6:50 Wed-Thu 9:10
Goon (13+) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:30-7:10-9:30 Mon 7:10 Tue 1:10-3:30-7:10-9:30 Wed-Thu 7:10-9:30
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (G) Fri-Sun 12:50-6:50 Mon-Tue 6:50
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D (G) Fri-Sun 3-9 Tue 3-9 Wed 9
The Vow (G) Fri-Sun 1:3-20-7:9:20 Mon 7 Tue 1:3-20-7:9:20 Wed-Thu 7:9:20

CINÉ-STARZ

1100 boul. Maloney Ouest, 819-568-8000

Alvin et les Chipmunks: Les naufragés (G) Fri-Sun 12:145-3:30-7:05 Mon-Thu 12:145-3:30-6
Le chat potté (G) Fri-Sun 12:2-15:35-50-6
Monsieur Lazhar (G) Fri-Sun 7:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 12:140-7
Nous avons acheté un zoo (G) Fri-Sun 1:35-3:45-7:35 Mon-Thu 1:40-3:50-7:45
Les petits pieds du bonheur 2 (G) Fri-Sun 12:340-4:50
Peur grise (13+) Fri-Sun 5:30-7:35-9:40 Mon-Thu 2:15-7:9:05
La Prime (G) Fri-Sun 9 Mon-Thu 12:5-15:7-8:40
Le Temps d'un vol (G) Fri-Sun 5:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:20-5:10-8:45

CINÉ-PARC TEMPLETON DRIVE-IN

1779 boul. Maloney Est, 819-663-0915

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GATINEAU 9

120 boul. de l'Hôpital, 819-568-6070

Ernani (STC) Sat 12:55
La Fille du puisatier (STC) Fri 6:30-9 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:05-6:30-9 Mon 6:30-9 Tue 12:30-3:05-6:30-9 Wed-Thu 6:30-9
Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance 3D (G) Fri 7:10-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:15-3:40-7:10-9:30 Mon 7:10-9:30 Tue 1:15-3:40-7:10-9:30 Wed-Thu 7:10-9:30
Gone (G) Fri 7:20-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:05-3:30-7:20-9:45 Mon 7:20-9:45 Tue 1:05-3:30-7:20-9:45 Wed-Thu 7:20-9:45
Goon (13+) Fri 7:9:25 Sat-Sun 1:3-25-7:9:25 Mon 7:9:25 Tue 1:3-25-7:9:25 Wed-Thu 7:9:25
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D (G) Fri 7:15-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:20-3:45-7:15-9:40 Mon 7:15-9:40 Tue 1:20-3:45-7:15-9:40 Wed-Thu 7:15-9:40
L'art d'aimer (G) Thu 7
A Monster in Paris (G) Fri 7:05-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:15-7:05-9:10 Mon 7:05-9:10 Tue 12:50-3:15-7:05-9:10 Wed-Thu 7:05-9:10
This Means War (G) Fri 6:50-9:05 Sat-Sun 12:20-3-6:50-9:05 Wed-Thu 6:50-9:05
The Vow (G) Fri 6:45-9:15 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:10-6:45-9:15 Mon 6:45-9:15 Tue 12:40-3:10-6:45-9:15 Wed-Thu 6:45-9:15
The Woman in Black (13+) Fri-Sat 6:20-8:45 Sun 12:15-2:45-6:20-8:45 Mon 6:20-8:45 Tue 12:15-2:45-6:20-8:45 Wed-Thu 6:20-8:45 Thu 8:45

STARCITÉ HULL

115 boul. du Plateau, 819-770-1090, cinemafortune.ca

Le 2e voyage l'île mystérieuse (G) Fri-Sun 1:45 Tue 1:45

Le 2e voyage l'île mystérieuse 3D (G) Fri 4:10-6:40-9 Sat 11:30-4:10-6:40-9 Sun 4:10-6:40-9 Mon 6:40-9 Tue 4:10-6:40-9 Wed-Thu 6:40-9

Act of Valor (13+) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:20-7:20-9:55 Mon 7:20-9:55 Tue 1:35-4:20-7:20-9:55 Wed-Thu 7:20-9:55
Ernani (STC) Sat 12:55

Ghost Rider: L'esprit de vengeance (G) Fri 1:50-4:15-7:05-9:25 Sat 11:30-1:50-4:15-7:05-9:25 Sun 1:50-4:15-7:05-9:25 Mon 7:05-9:25 Tue 1:50-4:15-7:05-9:25 Wed-Thu 7:05-9:25

Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance 3D (G) Fri 2:15-4:35-7:25-10:05 Sat 12:2-15:4-35-7:25-10:05 Sun 2:15-4:35-7:25-10:05 Mon 7:25-10:05 Tue 2:15-4:35-7:25-10:05 Wed-Thu 7:25-10:05
Gone (G) Fri-Sun 1:15-3:35-7:9:20 Mon 7:9:20 Tue 1:15-3:35-7:9:20 Wed-Thu 7:9:20

Goon (13+) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:5-15-7:30-9:45 Mon 7:30-9:45 Tue 12:45-3:5-15-7:30-9:45 Wed-Thu 7:30-9:45
Goon: dur à cuire (13+) Fri-Sun 1:3-15:5-30-7:45-10 Mon 7:45-10 Tue 1:3-15:5-30-7:45-10 Wed-Thu 7:45-10

Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (G) Fri-Sun 2:10 Tue 2:10

Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D (G) Fri 4:30-6:55-9:15 Sat 11:50-4:30-6:55-9:15 Sun 4:30-6:55-9:15 Mon 6:55-9:15 Tue 4:30-6:55-9:15 Wed-Thu 6:55-9:15
L'artiste (G) Fri 4:05-9:05 Sat 11:40-4:05-9:05 Sun 4:05-9:05 Mon 9:05 Tue 4:05-9:05 Wed-Thu 9:05

Leonardo Live (STC) Sun 12:55

Monsieur Lazhar (G) Fri 2:05-4:25-6:35-8:45 Sat 11:50-2:05-4:25-6:35-8:45 Sun 4:25-6:35-8:45 Mon 6:35-8:45 Tue 2:05-4:25-6:35-8:45 Wed-Thu 6:35-8:45

Petit-Pied le dinosaure (STC) Sat 11
Project X (13+) Thu 10:10

Safe House (13+) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:50-7:10-9:50 Mon 7:10-9:50 Tue 1:10-3:50-7:10-9:50 Wed-Thu 7:10-9:50

The Secret World of Arrietty (STC) Fri-Sun 1:55-7 Mon 7 Tue 1:55-7 Wed-Thu 7

This Means War (G) Fri-Sun 1:30-3:55-7:15-9:40 Mon 7:15-9:40 Tue 1:30-3:55-7:15-9:40 Wed-Thu 7:15-9:40

Un monstre à Paris (G) Fri-Sun 12:50 Tue 12:50 Thu 1:30

Un monstre à Paris 3D (G) Fri-Sun 3:05-5:20-7:35-9:40 Mon 7:35-9:40 Tue 3:05-5:20-7:35-9:40 Wed-Thu 7:35-9:40

Le Voëu (G) Fri 1:20-4-6:50-9:15 Sat 4-6:50-9:15 Sun 1:20-4-6:50-9:15 Mon 6:50-9:15 Tue 1:20-4-6:50-9:15 Thu 6:50

The Vow (G) Fri 1:40-4:25-7:15-9:55 Sat 11:20-1:40-4:25-7:15-9:55 Sun 1:40-4:25-7:15-9:55 Mon

7:15-9:55 Tue 1:40-4:25-7:15-9:55 Wed-Thu 7:15-9:55
Wanderlust (13+) No Passes Fri 1:25-3:45-7:20-9:50 No Passes Sat 1:25-5:7:20-9:50 No Passes Sun 1:25-3:45-7:20-9:50 No Passes Mon 7:20-9:50 No Passes Tue 1:25-3:45-7:20-9:50 No Passes Wed-Thu 7:20-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1

BARRHAVEN

BARRHAVEN CINEMAS

131 Riocan Dr., 613-825-2463

Ernani (STC) Sat 12:55
Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance 3D (14A) Fri 6:35-9:10 Sat-Sun 1:25-3:55-6:35-9:10 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:45
Goon (18A) Fri 7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:20-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:55-7:25
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG) Sat-Sun 1:20 Mon-Thu 4:30
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D (PG) Fri 6:50-9:35 Sat-Sun 4:10-6:50-9:35 Mon-Thu 7
Safe House (14A) Fri 6:40-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:50-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:20
This Means War (14A) Fri 7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:30 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Vow (PG) Fri 7:9:30 Sat-Sun 1-4-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Woman in Black (14A) Fri-Sat 7:30-9:55 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-9:55 Mon-Thu 5-7:40

GLOUCESTER

SILVERCITY

2385 City Park Dr., 613-688-8800

Act of Valor (14A) Fri 2:15-5:10-7:50-10:30 Sat 11:35-2:15-5:10-7:50-10:30 Sun 2:15-5:10-7:50-10:30
Chronicle (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-3:50-5:55-7:55-10:10
Ernani (STC) Sat 12:55

4:05-6:55-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:05-6:55-9:40
Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:40-2:15-4:35-7:20 Mon-Thu 2:15-4:35-7:20
Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance 3D (14A) Special Engagement Fri 10:30-12:50-3:10-5:30-7:50-10:15 Special Engagement Sat 12:50-3:10-5:30-7:50-10:15 Special Engagement Sun 10:30-12:50-3:10-5:30-7:50-10:15 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 3:10-5:30-7:50-10:15
Gone (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:55-2:35-5:10-7:30-9:50 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:35-5:10-7:30-9:50
Goon (18A) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:45-12:15-1:24-3:15-5:30-7:15-7:45-9:30-10:30 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:45-3:15-5:30-7:15-7:45-9:30-10:30
The Grey (14A) Fri-Sun 11:05-1:45-4:30-7:15-10:00 Mon-Wed 4:30-7:15-10:00 Thu 4:30
Hugo 3D (PG) Special Engagement Fri 10:35-4:05-9:30 Special Engagement Sat 4:05-9:30 Special Engagement Sun 10:35-4:05-9:30 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 4:05-9:30
The Iron Lady (PG) Fri-Sun 11:15-2:05-4:35-7:10-9:45 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:35-7:10-9:45
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG) Fri-Sun 2:15
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island — An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:15-4:45-7:05-9:35 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 4:20-7:05-9:35
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:35-5:45-10:10 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 5:45-10:10
Project X (18A) Special Engagement, Sneak Preview Thu 10
Safe House (14A) Fri-Sun 10:45-1:30-4:15-7:00 Mon-Thu 2:20-4:15-7:35-9:35 Fri-Sun 10:45-1:30-4:15-7:00 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:35-9:35 Fri-Sun 10:45-1:30-4:15-7:35-9:35 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:35-9:35
The Secret World of Arrietty (G) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:30-2:45-5:25-8:00 Mon-Wed 2:45-5:25-8:00 Thu 2:45
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Fri-Sun 1:35-7:00 Mon-Thu 7
Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace 3D (STC) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:30-1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30-10:30
This Means War (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:45-2:25-4:50-7:10-9:35 Mon-Thu 2:25-4:50-7:10-9:35
Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (14A) Fri-Sun 10:35-1:25-4:20-7:25-10:20 Mon-Wed 4:20-7:25-10:20 Thu 4:20
The Vow (PG) Fri-Sun 11:11:50-2:40-5:05-7:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 2:40-5:05-7:40-10:15
Wanderlust (STC) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:50-2:20-4:45-7:10-9:35 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:20-4:45-7:10-9:35
The Woman in Black (14A) Fri-Sun 11:55-2:30-4:55-7:25-9:50 Mon-Thu 2:30-4:55-7:25-9:50

Darling of a novelist

- Cristina Alger left a law career to pen her first book
- The Darlings teaches us that more money can often just mean more problems

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN NEW YORK

Cristina Alger, 32, has achieved more professionally than most people can dream of: an undergrad degree from Harvard, followed by a gig at Goldman Sachs, then New York University for law school, capped off with a stint as a bankruptcy lawyer at a white-shoe firm.

All of her high-profile accomplishments led up to the most recent addition to her resumé: author. Her novel, *The Darlings*, about a privileged New York family who are ensnared in a

Madoff-esque Ponzi scheme, is out now.

Alger talked to Metro about how, even though she is now a novelist, she still has a hard time saying it.

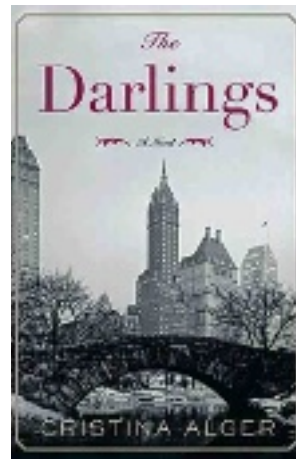
What is it about rich people that makes them such good material for writers?

It's funny, I was much more taken with the themes of family loyalty and the universality of those themes than just the wealth of *The Darlings*. But I do think it's more enjoyable to watch such themes play out in prettier settings.

Did you find it difficult to tackle the financial and legal themes in *The Darlings* in an approachable manner?

I did. I sent [drafts] to non-lawyer and non-finance friends to see if it resonated with them. I find white-collar crime interesting, but it can be really dry on the page.

So, do you call yourself a novelist now?
For a while, the long an-



swer was, "I was a lawyer but now I'm working on a book." It's taken me a little while to get my head around the fact I'm now a professional writer. It's a profession I sort of baby-stepped into. I was writing while I was working a bazillion hours a week as a bankruptcy attorney. But once I started with my agent, I started thinking about it as a full-time occupation.

The downside? You now get a writer's paycheck.
[Laughs] Yes, but it pays in other ways, though! I



► Cristina Alger's book tells the story of a wealthy family that gets entangled in a Ponzi scheme.

get a lot more sleep, and it's a lot more fun.



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Oscars: Who will win, and should

► With the Academy finished voting and Oscar winners all but decided, we get some experts to weigh in on the year's best

Alonso Duralde,
theWrap.com

BEST PICTURE

Will win: The Artist. It's a feel-good movie that, beyond being silent and black-and-white, plays it pretty safe, and it's got the Weinstein machine behind it.

Should win: The Descendants. When people look back at this period of filmmaking decades from now, the humanity and the wit of Alexander Payne's movies will continue to resonate.

Should have been nominated: I know that movies like Weekend Update or Attack the Block would never in a million years get the nod from Oscar, so I'll go with Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy.

BEST DIRECTOR

Will win: Michel Hazanavicius (The Artist), more as part of the sweep for The Artist than out of a collective love of the

OSS 117 series.

Should win: Alexander Payne, The Descendants.

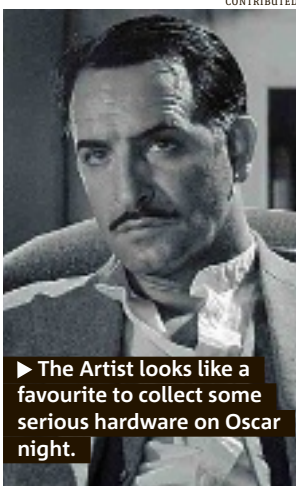
Should have been nominated: Bennett Miller, for making Moneyball so fascinating to non-sports fans like me.

BEST ACTOR

Will win: Jean Dujardin (The Artist). He's way more appealing than Roberto Benigni, but if he wins, he'll be lumped together with him for all eternity.

Should win: All of these performances are great in their own way, but I'd love to see Gary Oldman get it, both for making such small choices resonate so deeply in Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy and as a tribute to 25 years of unpredictable work.

Should have been nominated: Steve Coogan in The Trip. Playing "yourself" is tricky business, and he makes his obnoxious on-screen alter ego



► The Artist looks like a favourite to collect some serious hardware on Oscar night.

eminently watchable.

BEST ACTRESS

Will win: Viola Davis (The Help), who gives an extraordinary performance in the service of a toxic movie.

Should win: Davis, if only for having the role that relies the least on prosthetics/makeup/

costume.

Should have been nominated: Vera Farmiga, for her luminous work as a woman who begins to question her commitment to her faith in the wonderful and little-seen Higher Ground, which she also directed.

Kyle Buchanan, Vulture

BEST PICTURE

Will win: The Artist.

Should win: Moneyball.

Should have been nominated: Drive.

BEST DIRECTOR

Will win: Michel Hazanavicius, The Artist.

Should win: Either Woody Allen (Midnight in Paris) or Terrence Malick (Tree of Life), simply because they won't show up and the lack of a speech will help bring the show in on time.

Should have been nominated: Bennett Miller, Moneyball.

BEST ACTOR

Will win: Jean Dujardin, The Artist.

Should win: Brad Pitt, Moneyball.

Should have been nominated: Michael Shannon, Take Shelter.

BEST ACTRESS

Will win: Viola Davis, The Help.

Should win: Viola Davis, The Help.

Should have been nominated: Kristen Wiig, Bridesmaids.

Ned Ehrbar, Metro World News

BEST PICTURE

Will win: The Artist, a decent tribute to the history of film, but too light for my tastes.

Should win: Hugo, a much more inventive tribute to the history of film.

Should have been nominated: Shame, by far one the best — and most depressing — films

of the year.

BEST DIRECTOR

Will win: Michel Hazanavicius, The Artist.

Should win: Martin Scorsese, Hugo.

Should have been nominated: David Fincher, Girl with the Dragon Tattoo.

BEST ACTOR

Will win: Jean Dujardin, The Artist

Should win: Gary Oldman, Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy.

Should have been nominated: Michael Fassbender, Shame.

BEST ACTRESS

Will win: Meryl Streep, The Iron Lady.

Should win: Streep, because really, it's time. And she made Margaret Thatcher human.

Should have been nominated: Tilda Swinton, We Need to Talk About Kevin.

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Bobby Brown plans Whitney tell-all book

► Friends furious at his attempts to cash in on her death, ditching funeral

Bobby Brown is reportedly looking to write a tell-all memoir about his time with Whitney Houston — but it's not the first time he's had the idea, according to the Huffington Post.

"Back in 2008, the interest in a book on Whitney Houston wasn't that great. Whitney had fallen off the radar back then," a source says.

"But now, following her tragic death, the market has changed. Now is the time for a book that details an honest look into the life of Whitney."

Friends of the late singer aren't surprised by Brown's supposed interest.

"This is a man who left



► Bobby Brown

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"This is a man who left his ex-wife's funeral because he didn't like his seats and went to a paying gig." SOURCE

his ex-wife's funeral because he didn't like his seats and went to a paying gig that night," one pal says.

"He didn't get on stage that night because he needed to sing his greatest hits or because Whitney would have wanted him to entertain his fans, he did it to get a paycheck — the same reason he now wants to write a tell-all book."

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Talking points

Rihanna still chasing after Chris Brown

THIS GENERATION'S WHITNEY HOUSTON Rihanna and Chris Brown seem determined to get back together — both professionally and personally — and that reportedly has friends of both performers worried, according to TMZ.

Sources tell the website that Rihanna is still head over heels for Chris and would have already gotten back together with him were it not for the media and fan objections.

"You can't hold back love," a source says.

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Baby girl on the way for Simpson?

ANOTHER GIRL FOR THEIR DAD TO MARKET AND SELL Jessica Simpson is having a baby girl, sources speculate — and her recent shopping trip to L.A.'s Bel Bambini boutique suggests they're right.

"Jessica and her mom (Tina Simpson) spent over an hour at the store," an observer tells People magazine. "She took her time picking out the perfect baby items."

And those items all happened to be of the pink variety, the source adds.

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Witherspoon wants to add to her family

ANOTHER FUTURE BREAD WINNER Reese Witherspoon is up for the idea of having a baby with new husband Jim Toth, according to Hollyscoop.

"I'd love that," the Oscar-winner says. "I feel really good and I'm at a really good place in

Celebrity tweets



@ElizabethBanks

"I'm considering changing my Twitter avatar. This decision is momentous. Feel like I should focus group it."



@charliesheen

"I've waited 25 years for last night. it was worth every second welcome back Dave Roth. Rock has a new sherriff."

@joelmchale

"There's four kids at this playground named Cody. Buffalo Bill would be so proud."



@BillyCrystal

"Great news! Hosting Oscars counts five hours toward my community service!"

my life."

Witherspoon already has two children — 12-year-old Ava and 8-year-old Deacon — with ex-husband Ryan Phillippe, and she admits another kid would mean more people to embarrass around the house.

"The other day I was dancing around the house when they came in and literally stared at me like, 'Oh my God, that's so embarrassing,'" she says of her children.

"But I didn't stop. You can't stop dancing."

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► Demi Moore

Moore to remain in rehab

It doesn't look like Demi Moore's stay at a Utah treatment facility will come to an end anytime soon.

"Demi is really doing well in rehab. She was about to hit rock bottom but now things are looking up for her," a source tells Radar Online.

"Demi has been doing so well in treatment but the people around her aren't expecting she'll get out yet. She has a lot of work to do still to be and stay healthy." ● METRO

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Star dining



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Classy take on Oscar bites

► Many Academy Award parties offer themed dishes ► Try sophisticated Smoked Salmon Oscar Bites instead ► If you want a theme, serve beverages inspired by best picture nominees

Toasting the nominees



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I've been addicted to the Academy Awards show since I stayed up past my bedtime to watch The Godfather Part II beat The Towering Inferno for best picture in 1974 (I'm still shocked).

This year, I'm celebrating what's proved to be a pretty good year for movies by coming up with a liquid match for the front runners vying for the top prize this Sunday.

The Artist

A black and white silent film from France is this year's best bet for Best Picture? Its late '20s setting made me thirsty for an ice cold martini made with France's best know neutral spirit Grey Goose Vodka (\$44.99 - \$49.99). Shaken, not stirred.

The Descendants

Alexander Payne directed the now classic wine-themed Sideways. Celebrate his latest mas-

terpiece (and George Clooney's great performance) with anything but merlot. Think a food friendly, Californian red like Robert Mondavi's 2008 Private Selection Pinot Noir (\$15.95 - \$19.99).

The Help

This excellent ensemble piece is set in the southern USA during the days when the Civil Rights movement was just getting going. American whisky is the tippie of choice in that part of the world so reach for a chilled shot of Maker's Mark Bourbon (\$35.95 - \$39.99). Scared of bourbon sans mix? Make the south's most famous cocktail: The mint julep.

Midnight In Paris

An American in Paris travels back in time to the City of Lights' heyday. Toast Woody Allen with the fruit-forward goodness of Georges Duboeuf's 2010 Brouilly (\$15.78 - \$22.49) from France's Beaujolais region. Baguette, optional. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS CANADA. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**



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2 Place croustade cups on to serving platter and pipe small amount of the mixture into cups.

3 Cut the smoked salmon into thin strips and place

decoratively on top of cream cheese mixture. Sprinkle with chives before serving.

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- 1/2 cup (125 mL) light cream cheese, softened
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) horseradish
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) minced shallot
- 2 tsp (10 mL) minced capers
- 1 small clove garlic,

minced

- 1 tsp (5 mL) grated lemon rind
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) lemon juice
- 1 box (40 g) siljans croustade cups
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► Texas Rangers pitcher Yu Darvish throws during spring training on Thursday.

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Darvish looks comfortable with Rangers

Yu Darvish pulled a blue long-sleeved Rangers workout shirt over his head and chatted up teammate Justin Miller as nearly everybody in the clubhouse eagerly watched. Texas' prize off-season pickup looked plenty comfortable in his new surroundings on Day 1 for pitchers and catchers at Surprise Stadium, where dozens of Japanese reporters arrived early to record the right-hander's every move.

What's wrong with Caps?

► Ovechkin injury just part of collapse ► Meeting held to thwart 'mail-it-in' mentality

Alex Ovechkin is injured. A benched player is needling the coach. Players are talking about being outworked and not being mentally prepared.

The usually upbeat owner calls one performance "unacceptable" and all but declares the next game a must-win, only to watch it turn into another clunker. The coach's idea of a "solid game" these days in one in which the team falls behind after 10 minutes instead of the

usual three or four.

Oh, yeah, and the trade deadline is a few days away.

Such is the state of the Washington Capitals, a team whose annual chase for a title is turning into a feeble attempt just to make the playoffs.

"We had huge expectations," forward Mike Knuble said Thursday. "And it hasn't played out the way we planned."

That's the exact sentiment the Capitals are usually uttering in April or May,

"The last two games, we weren't ready to play. We weren't prepared mentally."

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after they've crashed out of the playoffs after winning the Southeast Division. This year, they are sitting outside the post-season — in 10th place in the Eastern Conference — after a road trip in which they lost their final three games by a combined score of 12-3.

With such signs that perhaps not everybody has their heart in it anymore,

the players held their own meeting Thursday morning. It only lasted a couple of minutes, and, according to defenceman Karl Alzner, served to make sure that no one would be trying to "mail it in."

Ovechkin, who missed Wednesday's 5-2 loss at Ottawa with a lower-body injury, showed up early and skated laps by himself for

about 10-15 minutes, but not at full speed. He didn't return for practice and did not speak to reporters. Coach Dale Hunter said the former two-time NHL MVP was day-to-day.

Ovechkin or not, the Capitals aren't going to win much if they keep falling behind.

"Teams are taking advantage of our slow starts right now," Alzner said. "And we're too fragile to be able to bounce back."

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Sports in brief



Ottawa Senators goalie Craig Anderson is out indefinitely with a hand injury.

The Senators say Anderson accidentally cut his right hand while preparing a meal Thursday.

He was treated in hospital and is expected to make a full recovery.

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Brewers' Braun avoids suspension

► NL MVP relieved after ban overturned ► MLB management disagrees

Ryan Braun's 50-game suspension was overturned Thursday by arbitrator Shyam Das, the first time a baseball player has successfully challenged a drug-related penalty in a grievance. The decision was announced Thursday by the MLB Players Association, a

day before the outfielder was due to report to spring training with Milwaukee. Braun's urine tested positive in October for elevated testosterone. ESPN revealed the test in December. "It is the first step in restoring my good name and reputation," he said in

a statement. "I am innocent and the truth is on our side." MLB executive vice-president Rob Manfred said management "vehemently disagrees" with Das' decision. Braun's side challenged the time the urine sample

was collected by Comprehensive Drug Testing Inc. to when it was sent, nearly 48 hours later, to a World Anti-Doping Agency-certified laboratory in Montreal, two people familiar with the case said. They spoke on condition of anonymity.

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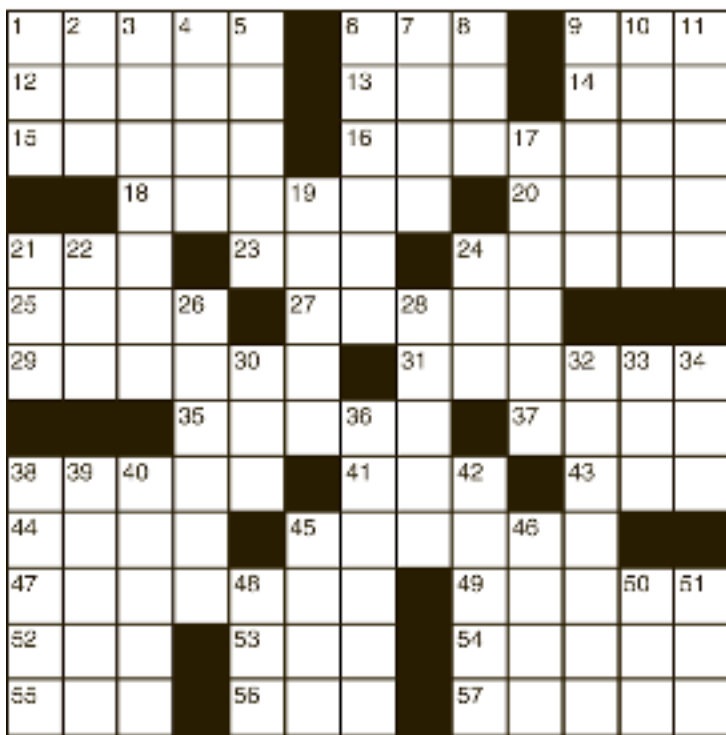
Crossword

Across

1 Treaties
6 Morsel
9 Curved flight path
12 "I don't give —!"
13 Rhyming tribute
14 Feathery neckwear
15 Comic Sykes
16 Alluring attraction
18 Roughhousing lass
20 Eye layer
21 Swelled head
23 Emcee Sajak
24 Take forcibly
25 It may be a proper subject
27 Oregon's capital
29 Avenue
31 Mistreated
35 Destroy
37 Tear asunder
38 "M*A*S*H" clerk
41 That girl
43 Still
44 Basin accessory
45 Louvre or Prado
47 Free-runners' sport
49 Foreheads
52 Upper limb
53 Foreign policy grp.
54 Standard
55 Verily
56 Blond shade
57 Late

Down

1 Dog's foot
2 "Caught ya!"
3 Shape
4 Commotion
5 Postage
6 Colombia's capital
7 Without acting
8 Afternoon affair
9 Overhead
10 Libertines
11 200 milligrams
17 Grumbling sound
19 Sew loosely
21 Type squares
22 Obtained
24 "Charlotte's —"
26 New Jersey airport city
28 Great quintet?
30 Bobble
32 "Little Shop of Horrors" role
33 Away from WSW
34 Banned pesticide
36 House of worship



► Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►

1	8	6	7	4	5	9	2	3
7	4	3	6	9	2	5	1	8
9	5	2	3	8	1	4	7	6
2	3	9	8	1	4	7	6	5
4	7	5	9	6	3	2	8	1
6	1	8	5	2	7	3	4	9
8	9	7	2	5	6	1	3	4
3	6	4	1	7	9	8	5	2
5	2	1	4	3	8	6	9	7

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strong women Friends are gems. Family are forever hugs and kisses. Little ones need us even if they are not our own. Big high five to all the hardworking people out there trying to make a better world they live in. Its another beautiful day. Smile! SAME CLUB

you, i'd say everything that i know just to see if it would show. but this time i just dont know. i wonder why your always in a good mood though. BABES

Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20

You have so many good things going for you that you don't need to waste time on schemes that are unlikely to ever come true.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21

Life is too short to waste time arguing over trivial things, so ignore people who try to involve you in fights that don't matter.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

Your mind is forever on the move and at least one of your ideas is touched by genius.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22

Someone needs your help but is afraid to ask. You know who he or she is. Make the first move.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

The answers you get today may not be the answers you want but they are the answers you need to hear.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22

You are in a hole and no amount of wishful thinking is going to get you out of it. It is time to get practical.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

If you are going to make the most of your talents, you need to stretch yourself — not just physically but mentally, too.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

The planets indicate you need help today but you may be reluctant to ask because you don't like to be in anyone's debt. You won't be.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Think carefully before making major changes over the next 24 hours. You should be aiming for evolution, not revolution.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

You need to be careful when dealing with both financial matters and affairs of the heart.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Some people are being unnaturally nice to you, making you wonder what they are up to. There is nothing they can do to hurt you.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

There's a danger you'll end up partying with the wrong sort of crowd, but so what? ● SALLY BROMPTON

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
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Matinee May 13

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USA Gold Eagle (1 ounce)	\$1,478.17
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\$15.90	Exact price: \$0.68/g
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\$12.87	Exact price: \$0.55/g
1968: non-magnetic dimes and quarters*	Approximate price: \$9.85 per dollar facevalue
	Exact price: \$0.42/g
1976: Montreal Olympic \$10 Coin	\$38.24

United States Coins | Price

US Eagle (1 ounce Silver, Sealed)	\$34.14
1964 and Earlier: dimes, quarters, half-dollars, dollars*	Approximate price: \$ per dollar facevalue
19.13	Exact price: \$0.78/g
1965-1970 US Half-dollars	\$3.86

Silver Bars | Price

Silver 1 ounce (sealed, recognized)	\$32.74
Silver 10 ounce (sealed, recognized)	\$323.84
Silver 20 ounce (sealed, recognized)	\$644.15
Silver 50 ounce (sealed, recognized)	\$1,610.38
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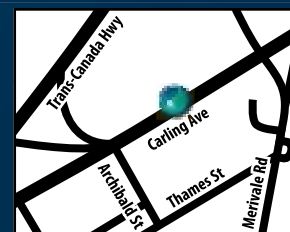
Stamped Sterling Silver Flatware	\$0.71/g
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Aretha Franklin's monster hit, she cried out for a little "R-E-S-P-E-C-T." The one thing you could say about that song and Hyundai's similarly named Genesis "R-Spec" sedan is that they both have plenty of soul. Hyundai has confounded more than a few critics with the success of its full-size rear-wheel-drive four-door that was launched for the

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